#### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

#### HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.	G. #83-9	Building Date	e: <u>mid. 19th</u> c.
			ca. 1912
Building Name:	Kuehn House at	Ellerbrook Farm	
Location: <u>16</u>	<u>100 Old Marshall Ha</u>	11 Road, Accokeek,	Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

#### Description

The Kuehn House at Ellerbrook Farm is a two-part frame house which is set back at the end of a long lane east of Old Marshall Hall Road. The main block is a roughly square two-and-one-half-story dwelling house with pyramidal roof. Entrance is in the central bay of the five-bay (main) west facade. Above the door is a small canopy, and above both is a massive two-story columned portico covering the central bay. This portico is supported by two pairs of tall Tuscan-style columns, and has a full pediment with frieze and crown molding. Two symmetrical interior brick chimneys rise from the north and south planes of the roof; a third chimney, exterior with weathering, stands at the south facade. Siding is plain horizontal board painted white; foundations are of brick reinforced with concrete. Attached to the north facade is a small one-story one-bay-by-one-bay wing, probably older than the main house. It is reported to be built of log. The uneven juncture of this wing with the north facade of the main block suggests that the main block was built onto the smaller wing. The north wing is sided with plain horizontal board, and foundations are brick and concrete.

#### Significance

The Kuehn House at Ellerbrook Farm is a two-part building, consisting of a small one-story log dwelling attached to an imposing neoclassical house with full height entry porch; it is an impressive landmark on the Old Marshall Hall Road. The property on which this house stands was known as Poplar Hill. the mid-nineteenth century, this farm was the family home of Dr. Willian G. Hardy, and it is possible that the small gable-roofed log section was his dwelling. After the Civil War, Poplar Hill was one of many properties bought up by the prominent Fendall Marbury of Mattaponi. The 459-acre farm passed in 1880 to Henry Ellerbrook, and since that time has been known as Ellerbrook Farm. In this century, Henry Ellerbrook's farm was divided amony his children; a 296-acre parcel on which the old house stood was conveyed by deed of partition in 1911 to his daughter, who constructed a large neoclassical dwelling on one end of the older house. This new dwelling followed the basic square pyramidal-roofed form which was very popular at the time, but it was distinguished by the monumental two-story pedimented entry porch. Edward Thomas sold the farm in 1920 to Walter Kuehn, whose family remains there to the present day. Their house is a rare example in Prince George's county of this type of early twentieth century neoclassical dwelling.

Acreage: 173.02 acres

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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historic E	llerbrook Farm			
and/or common	Kuehn House			
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3. Clas	sification			
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4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names ar	nd mailing addresses	of <u>all</u> owners)
name	George Kuehn			
street & number	16100 Old Marshall	Hall Road	telephone no	.:
city, town	Accokeek,	state	MD.	20607
5. Loca	ation of Lega	al Descriptio	on	
courthouse, regi	istry of deeds, etc. Princ	ce George's County (	Courthouse	1iber 5294
street & number	Main Street			folio 522
city, town	pper Marlboro,		state	MD. 20772
6. Rep	resentation	in Existing	Historical Surve	eys
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## 7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Kuehn House at Ellerbrook Farm is a two-part frame house which is set back at the end of a long lane east of Old Marshall Hall Road. The main block is a roughly square two-and-one-half-story dwelling house with pyramidal roof. Entrance is in the central bay of the five-bay (main) west facade. Above the door is a small canopy, and above both is a massive two-story columned portico covering the central bay. This portico is supported by two pairs of tall Tuscan-style columns, and has a full pediment with frieze and crown molding. There is a crown molding at the eaves on all four elevations. There are only three windows across the rear (east) facade of the building; a small dormer (with 1/1 window) pierces the (rear) east plane of the roof. A one-story hip-roofed porch supported by Tuscan columns shelters the central entrance on this rear facade. Two symmetrical interior brick chimneys rise from the north and south planes of the roof (toward the west front); a third chimney, exterior with weathering, stands at the south facade, closer to the rear (east) of the building. Siding is plain horizontal board painted white; windows (6/6 double hung sash) have plain board surrounds and, in some locations, green louvered shutters. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle. Foundations are of brick reinforced with concrete.

Attached to the north facade is a small one-story one-bay-by-one-bay wing, probably older than the main house. It is reported to be built of log, although this is not apparent from the exterior. The uneven juncture of this wing with the north facade of the main block suggests that the main block was built onto the smaller wing. Like the main block, this small north wing is sided with plain horizontal board, windows are 6/6, foundations are brick and concrete, and the roof is covered with green asphalt shingle.

There are two outbuildings. Northeast of the house stands a small frame stable with a porch. Farther from the house and to the southeast is another stable, one-and-one-half-stories, with standing seam tin (gable) roof, and board-and-batten siding on its north side.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Kuehn House at Ellerbrooke Farm is a two part building, consisting of a small one-story (log) dwelling attached to an imposing neoclassical house with full height entry porch. Standing on a knoll at the end of a long lane, it is an impressive landmark on the Old Marshall Hall Road.

The property on which this house stands consisted of parts of several adjoining tracts, and was generally known as Poplar Hill. In the mid-nine-teenth century, this farm was the family home of Dr. Willian G. Hardy, and it is possible that the small gable-roofed log section was his dwelling. After the Civil War, Dr. Hardy and his wife borrowed money on their 500-acre Poplar Hill plantation, and lost the property when they defaulted in payments. Poplar Hill was one of many properties bought up in that post war period by the prominent Fendall Marbury of Mattaponi. The 459-acre farm passed in 1880 to Henry Ellerbrook, and since that time has been known as Poplar Hill or Ellerbrook Farm.

In this century, Henry Ellerbrook's farm was divided among his children; a 296-acre parcel on which the old house stood was conveyed by deed of partition to his daughter, Minnie Ellerbrook Thomas, in 1911. Within a few years, Minnie and Edward Thomas had constructed a large neoclassical dwelling on one end of the older house. This new dwelling followed the basic square pyramidal-roofed form which was very popular at the time, but it was distinguished by the monumental two-story pedimented entry porch. Edward Thomas sold the farm in 1920 to Walter Kuehn, whose family remains there to the present day. Their house is a rare example in Prince George's county of this type of early twentieth century neoclassical dwelling.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8 Cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographic	cal Data			
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name/title Susan G. Pear	l, Research His	torian		
organization Historic Pres	servation Commi	ssion ,	<sub>date</sub> Septembe	r 1985
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:

Maryland Historical Trust

Shaw House

21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

#### #8. Continued

#### <u>Notes</u>

- Prince George's County Equity #823; Prince George's County Land Records FS #3:541, 661; HB #9:652.
- $^2\,$  Marbury held Poplar Hill for less than five years, and never lived there, but because his name appears on the G.M. Hopkins Atlas of 1878, the 1974 surveyors designated the property by his name. Prince George's County Land Records HB #10:304, Equity #1182.
- $^{3}$  Prince George's County Land Records WAJ #3:204.
- $\frac{4}{100}$ , #61:328; #69:64 and 66; Prince George's County Tax Assessments  $\frac{1005-25}{1000}$ .

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

### NOMINATION FORM

for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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The house is a two story, frame structure with a one-story log wing on the north end. The five bay facade has a central entrance. At the north end are double external chimneys; on the south end, a single external chimney.

The plan is a central hall with flanking double rooms.

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#### Chain of Title

# Kuehn House at Ellerbrook Farm P.G. #83-9

#5294:522 17 July 1980 Deed

Frances Katherine Kuehn, personal representative of the last will of Walter Anthony Keuhn, to George Henry Keuhn and Bernard Paul Kuehn; 173.U177 acres, being assessed as 177.52 acres; same property Walter A. Kuehn acquired by #169:408.

WDA #1:652 19 April 1963 Will

Walter Anthony Kuehn, who died 24 Feb. 1963, placed his real estate, which consisted of 167 acres on 01d Marshall Hall Road, in trust, with his wife, Frances K. Kuehn, as an administrator and directed that it could not be sold until at least 10 years after his youngest son reached his maturity.

#169:408 4 Feb. 1921 Deed

Joseph C. and Bessie G. Mattingly to Walter A. Kuehn; 296 acres in Piscataway District; same which grantors acquired by #153:38 and same as conveyed in WAJ #3:204.

#153:204 23 Feb. 1920 .d

Edward W. and Norma C. Thomas of Ft. Myer Heights VA to Joseph C. Mattingly; 296 acres; same property conveyed by WAJ #3:204.

#106:4 April 1915 Deed

For \$100; Elizabeth Ellerbrook to Edward W. Thomas; land which Henry Ellerbrook, deceased husband of Elizabeth, acquired by WAJ #3:204; also same land conveyed in #69:66 and 64 and in #61:238 and devised by will of Minnie Ellerbrook Thomas.

WAM #1:652 27 March 1913 Will Minnie Ellerbrook Thomas devised to her mother life use of her farm in Prince George's County, and after her mother's death the property went to her husband, Edward W. Thomas.

#69:64 4 Jan. 1911 Deed

George H. Ellerbrook to Minnie Ellerbrook Thomas; by #10:157 James and Fannie Ellerbrook had mortgaged their 1/3 undivided interest in 459-1/2 acres consisting of Piscataway Manor, Hansenton, Bird's Retreat and Poplar Hill to George; now George conveyed to Minnie all the property constituting her share as described in Deed of Partition.

#69:66 4 Jan. 1911 Deed Deed of Partition. James J. and Fannie L. Ellerbrook of D.C. and Minnie Ellerbrook Thomas of D.C.; James held 1/3 undivided interest and Minnie held 2/3 divided interest in 459-1/2 acres consisting of Piscataway Manor, Hansenton, Bird's Retreat and Poplar Hill; partition so each could hold property individually; James deeded 296 acres to Minnie, Minnie deeded 163-1/2 acres to James.

#61:328 2 May 1910 Deed George and Luella P. Ellerbrook to Minnie Ellerbrook Thomas; grantors conveyed all their right and interest in 496 acres called Piscataway Manor, Hansenton, Bird's Retreat and Poplar Hill; same property conveyed by WAJ #3:204.

(Henry Ellerbrook of D.C. apparently died and each of his 3 children, Minnie, George and James, received a 1/3 undivided interest in his 459 acres of real estate. There are, however, no papers on file in the Register of Wills Office.(

WAJ #3:204 27 Oct. 1881 Deed

For \$3,000. Richard W. Templeman, trustee in Equity #1182, to Henry Ellerbrook of D.C.; 459 acres, parts of Piscataway Manor, Bird's Retreat, Hansenton and Poplar Hill; same which was conveyed to Georgianna Williams and Matilda S. Forbes by HB #9:652.

Equity #1182 12 April 1879

Georgianna Williams et al vs. Fendall and Sarah C. Marbury; the Marburys had defaulted on repayment of notes secured by mortgage dated 26 June 1875; complainants petitioned for sale of the property and by Court's decree, Richard W. Templeman was appointed trustee to make sale. Bid at public sale on 16 Aug. 1880 was too low and by private sale Templeman sold the property to Henry Ellerbrook.

HB #10:304 26 June 1875 Mortgage

Fendall and Sarah C. Marbury to Georgianna Williams and Matilda S. Forbes; all land deeded to Marbury by Williams and Forbes on 4/29/1875; to secure debt of \$1,500.

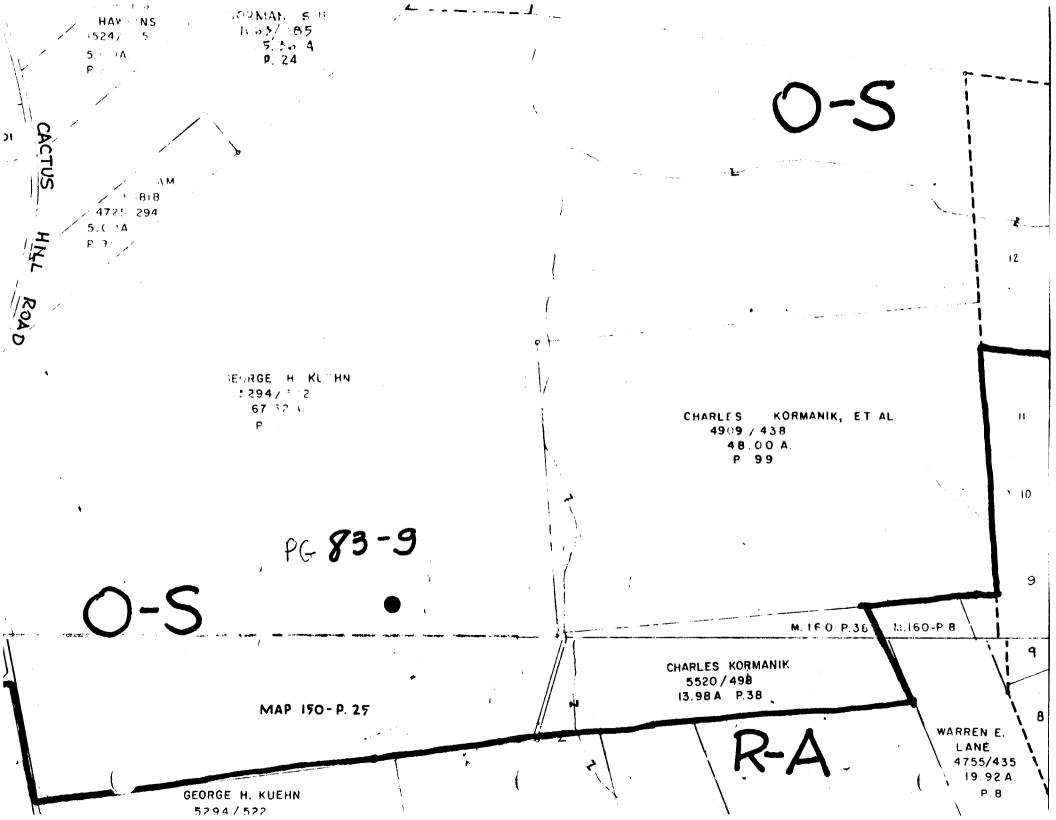
HB #10:343 29 April 1875 Deed For \$2,000, Henry and Georgianna Williams of Calvert County and Sidney and Matilda S. Forbes of Baltimore to Fendall Marbury; 418 acres, parts of Piscataway Manor, Hansenton, Bird's Retreat and Poplar Hill; same which Georgianna Williams and Matilda S. Forbes acquired by HB #9:652 and same which was conveyed by FS #3:661 (excepting 150 acres).

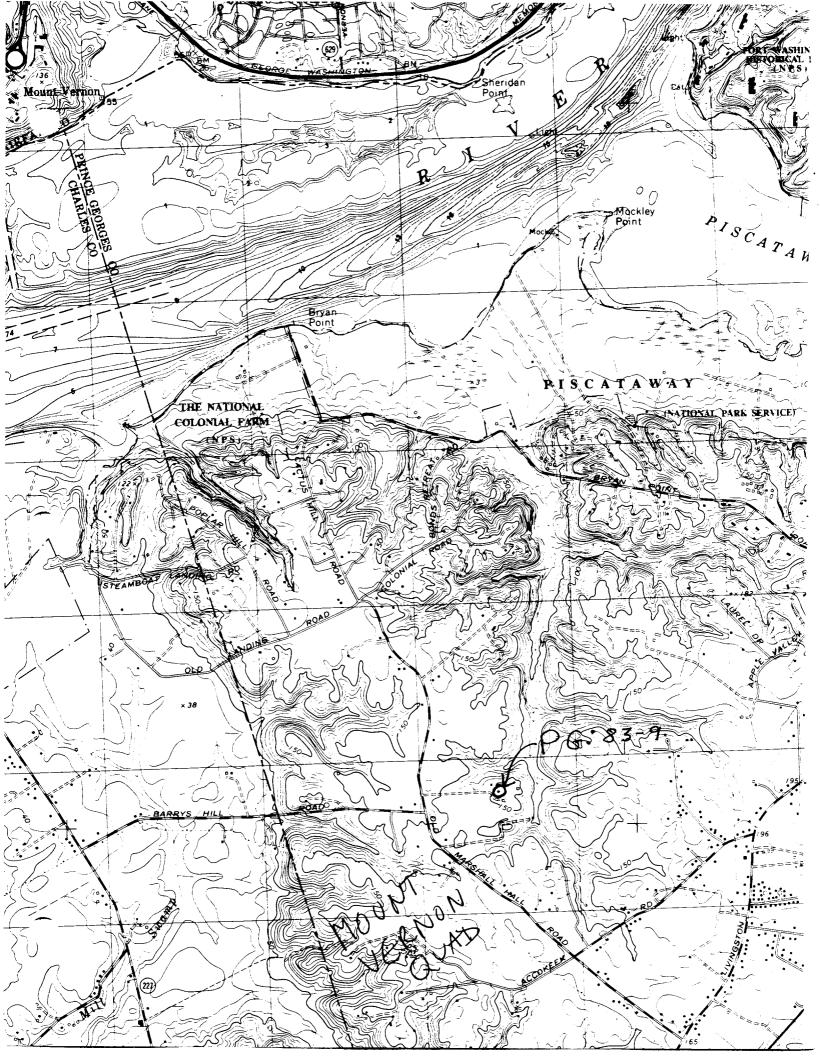
HB #9:652 8 Feb. 1875 Deed For \$2,000, Peter W. Crain, trustee, to Georgianna Williams and Matilda S. Forbes, daughters and heiresses of Mason S. Weems, deceased, who were the high bidders on 418 acres Crain offered at public auction 3 Jan. 1874. Crain was trustee for William G. and Matilda M. Hardy who had defaulted on repayment of \$2,000 to M.S. Weems.

Equity #823 missing from Court House repository.

FS #3:661 24 May 1866 Deed William G. and Matilda M. Hardy to Peter W. Crain, trustee; Matilda owed \$2,000 to Mason B. Weems and to secure repayment the Hardy's conveyed 500 acres, parts of Piscataway Manor, Hansenton, Bird's Retreat with a tract called Poplar Hill to Crain was trustee with power to sell the property if the Hardys defaulted; same which Matilda Hardy acquired on 8 March 1866.

FS #3:541 8 March 1866 Deed Thomas Marshall and John W. Mitchell, trustees, to Matilda M. Hardy, wife of Dr. William G. Hardy; 200-1/4 acres, 279-1/4 acres and 89-1/2 acres, being parts of Piscataway Manor, generally known as Oak Hill, and parts of Hansenton and Bird's Retreat, the 3 pieces of land being generally known as Poplar Hill; all the tracts being land of which Thomas Hansen Marshall died seized.







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Ellerbrook Farm Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

West elevation Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



## P.G. #83-9

Ellerbrook Farm Prince George's County, MD.

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North elevation

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Prince George's County, MD.

Northwest elevation, stable

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